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MAIL ROUTES.

The rapid development of the country calls for increased patronage in mail facilities. Dodge City is being amply supplied with mail lines, though the service by the Tuscon route hardly meets the demands of postal requirements. Within the past two or three years the country along this route has undergone a remarkable change. Cattle camps and settlements have been established until the growing need of the hour is increased mail service. The Tuscon route provides for only a weekly mail. We hope this will be increased to a tri-weekly mail and reducing the time of schedule to 40 hours.

Senator Maxey, Representative Ryan, our member of Congress, and Hon. Wm. Wellborn, of Texas, deserve thanks for the service already rendered in procuring this mail route, but we hope they will use the same indefatigable efforts and secure the increase of service as we propose.

Our interests in the Pan Handle of Texas are growing important. A daily mail to Fort Supply and Elliott is found of immense practical benefit. A tri-weekly mail line southwest, in a rich and prosperous country, will prove of the same incalculable benefit, adding to our resources, by bringing us directly in constant communication with large business interests.

A weekly line has been ordered on the Tuscon route, and we understand will shortly take effect. In the meantime we hope the Department will be urged to the importance of this suggestion.

Forest fires are very extensively raging in several portions of Colorado, says the *Las Animas Leader*; owing to the long continued drought everything is as dry as tinder, and unless we have rain soon greater devastation may be made by the fire-fiend. Nearly all these late fires have resulted from the criminal carelessness of tramps; it would be a good thing to make examples of some of them.

The *Black Hills Times* says some one has robbed the grave of "Wild Bill." His ivory-handled revolver and knife were buried with his body, according to frontier custom, and to secure these some ghoul has gone through his grave.

The long looked for rain came down at *Las Animas* and vicinity, says the *Leader*, last Friday. The shower lasted about an hour and a half. A few more such rains and the prospects for winter grazing will be good.

A patent hand car was on exhibition at the K. P. depot, says the *Topeka Capital*. It is claimed it can be run fifteen to twenty miles an hour, one stroke sending it twenty-five feet. It accommodates but one person.

During the past week, outside of local travel, the Santa Fe road has carried 286 tourists and 493 land seekers. They came from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, York State, etc., etc.

Salina Herald! One of our citizens having the misfortune to injure his thumb in such a manner as to prevent his working, has actually failed to appeal to the eastern States for help. This is not the way to succeed.

The *Great Bend Register* says that there is every indication in Barton county that there will be more acres of wheat sown this fall than ever before.

Several bushels of wild cherries were brought into the Kinsley market from Hodgman county. They retailed at ten cents a quart.

J. E. Stoler & Co., sold 93 gross wintered Texas steers for J. E. Greer from below Kiowa, weight, 911 lbs, at \$2.90 per cwt.

August is the pleasantest summer month in Kansas. The days get shorter and the nights are cool.

The Dry Cimarron has been visited with a soaking rain. The river is reported to have risen eight feet in six hours.

A heavy rain storm visited Colorado Springs and vicinity yesterday, gladdening the hearts of the farmers and all others.—*Chieftain*, 11th.

Last year the heated term lasted from the 5th to the 35th of July, and from the present state of the weather we may take it for granted that we are in the midst of it again.—*Champion*.

Mr. F. C. Zimmerman, of Dodge City, was in town Wednesday, taking a look at our school house. They intend building a school house at Dodge soon, and Mr. Zimmerman came down to take the dimensions and style of ours, and thinks they will probably build one of the same size.—*Kinsley Graphic*.

A mail route was established by an act of the late Congress between Dodge City and Tuscon, Texas. This route passes the Pearllette office, and will likely give us a tri-weekly mail before spring. The letting is on July 10th, and service commences October 1st.—*Pearlette Call*.

The growth of Kansas towns within the last five years has been something wonderful, and the settlement of the farming districts has not been less rapid. A delightful feature of the improvement of the state is tree growing. In every direction what was once merely bare prairie is now a panorama of field, garden, grove and prairie.

M. L. Palmer has traded 1100 & Carmichael about sixty head of stock cattle for one hundred head of ponies. We have heard of the man that bought a cow for one dollar and a quarter. That night she died. The next morning he sold the hide for a dollar and the bones for a quarter,—said he didn't make much, but kept trade going all the same.—*Medicine Lodge Crescent*.

The salt well will continue to attract a large number of visitors, all of whom pronounce it one of nature's great wonders. All sorts of stories and rumors are current about its great depth (some saying it is 900 feet deep) and also about its caving in, or enlarging, at the rate of several acres per day. The fact of the matter is that its depth does not vary much from 75 feet; and it is not caving in to an alarming extent—at least it will not likely absorb more than three or four counties!—*Pearlette Call*.

Justice Miller, of the U. S. Supreme Court, sitting at Denver, rendered a decision yesterday in the matter of the famous Rio Grande railroad case, dismissing the receiver. This decision can be regarded as favorable to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad company and to their ultimate possession of the Rio Grande road under the lease. The sympathies of the people are undoubtedly with the Santa Fe company, as they are understood to have the capital and are willing to extend the road at once.—*Leavenworth Times*, 15th.

Cattle men who have cattle in the Indian Territory—that is on the Cherokee lands West of the Arkansas river—are all willing to pay their taxes now, especially since the Secretary of the Interior has told them so emphatically that there was only two ways to avoid trouble; one was to pay and stay, and the other was to get off the lands if they are not willing to pay for the benefit they derive from it. The Secretary is right, and we know there is no fair-minded cattle man who wants something for nothing, and they are willing to pay the Cherokee authorities.—*Caldwell Post*.

Many of our readers are unaware, doubtless, that one way of making a living on the prairies is by gathering old buffalo bones and selling them. Most every man that has a team turns his attention to this business when he has no farm work on hand. These bones are found scattered around over the prairie, where they have been bleaching in the sun for—no one knows how long. They are now worth about \$7 per ton at Dodge City, and most any kind of a team can haul from 15 to 25 hundred. It takes from one to two days to gather a load. You can now form a pretty good idea about the profits of the business.—*Pearlette Call*.